

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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THE NAME OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

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The Name In the Gospel of Mark

* In the Gospel of Mark, there are but four references. "John said unto Him, Teacher, we saw one casting out demons in Thy Name; and we forbade him, because he followed not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not; for there is no man who shall do a mighty work in My Name, and he able quickly to speak evil of Me." Mark 9:38-39.

You see that the Name of Jesus was great even before He died; that men were casting out demons and healing the sick in His Name before His death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father.

This in itself is a very striking fact and worthy of much meditation. "And ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's sake; but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." Mark 13:13. Jesus knew the hatred that His Name would engender for His followers in the world and He prepares them by this warning.

"And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in My Name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."